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THE EXAMINATION ON LUKE OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE.

The List of Examiners upon the Gospel of Luke has practically reached one thousand, and still new names are coming every day. All names received before October 20 appear in the list published in this issue of the STUDENT. From many of these we have already most encouraging reports of classes doing earnest preparatory work. There will doubtless be many more examiners enrolled before December 30. A supplementary list will therefore be published in the December number of the STUDENT. The work in the great cities has just begun. Through the ministers' associations twenty cities are being canvassed and much enthusiasm is manifested wherever the subject is introduced. The plan is also under discussion at the Fall conventions of Young Peoples' Societies. The Christian Endeavor Society of the State of New Hampshire have decided to urge the matter in four hundred churches in that State.

Two important changes in the scheme have been made during the past month.

First, the fee has been reduced. It is not the wish of the Institute to allow the fee to debar any from the pleasure and benefit of the examination. To prevent any possibility of this, the fee has been made *a uniform one of fifty cents* for each person taking the examination, whether as a member of a group or as an individual. It is not possible at present to make so small a fee cover the cost of printing, postage and labor, necessary to carry on the examination successfully, but the Institute does not measure the success of the enterprise by its cash receipts, but by quickened brains and responsive hearts the wide world over.

The second change is a broadening of the plan to meet the needs of that large class of persons who would like to try the examination, but through timidity or other sufficient reasons do not wish to have their papers examined, or to try for the certificate of the Institute. Each examiner will be permitted to receive into his class, if he so desires, *any persons, whether of his group or not*, and they may take the examination *free of charge*. If any of these, after trying the examination and finding their knowledge more complete, or the questions easier than they had anticipated, decide to have their papers examined, they may hand them to the examiner, with the fee of fifty cents, and he will forward them to the Principal of Schools with the papers of his group. Should these papers reach the required standard certificates will be awarded with the others of the group.

It is possible by this change to interest in the work many outsiders, and possibly induce them to take the regular examination next year.

Is it too much to hope that before many years every Bible student, (and that term should include all classes of people), shall feel it a necessary part of his work to take one of these examinations every year? The Institute believes that it is *not* too much, and confidently expects this result.